



Security Notice

To simplify and speed up your entry into the Consulate we recommend you bring as little baggage as possible with you. It is advisable not to bring suitcases, umbrellas, cameras or video cameras to the Consulate, as we have no storage facilities for luggage or electrical equipment. If you are coming to Frankfurt by train, you may wish to leave your luggage in one of the train station lockers.

It is forbidden to bring certain items onto the premises of the U.S. Consulate General. Persons carrying any prohibited items will be denied entry to Consulate facilities as long as the items are in their possession:

1. **ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC OR BATTERY-OPERATED APPLIANCES** – All types of cellular telephones, computers, laptops, music playback devices such as Walkman, CD, DVD, MP3, iPods, etc., palm pilots, cameras, calculators, hairdryers and shavers, game boys.
2. **FIREARMS** – Including replica or non-firing weapons, blank or starter pistols, tear gas pistols and stun guns.
3. **EXPLOSIVES – Including fireworks, smoke bombs, pyrotechnic devices or flares, and flare guns or launchers.**
4. **EDGED WEAPONS** – Including knives of all kinds, as well as any size switchblade knives.
5. **CHEMICAL AGENTS** – Including canisters or dispensers for mace or tear gas of any kind, hairsprays and deodorant sprays.
6. **IN ADDITION**, any other items that are primarily weapons by design and use, including clubs, batons, saps, blackjacks, brass knuckles, nunchaku ("nun chucks"), throwing stars, throwing spikes, and spike combs.



Sicherheitshinweis

Um Ihnen die Sicherheitskontrolle am Eingang des Generalkonsulats zu vereinfachen bzw. zu beschleunigen, empfehlen wir Ihnen, keinerlei Gepäck mitzubringen und auf Schirme, Fotoapparate und Videokameras zu verzichten.

Falls Sie mit dem Zug anreisen, können Sie Ihr Gepäck in einem Schließfach am Hauptbahnhof einschließen, da es im Konsulat keinerlei Aufbewahrungsmöglichkeiten für Rucksäcke, Koffer, Pakete, elektrische oder elektronische Geräte gibt.

Bestimmte Gegenstände dürfen auf gar keinen Fall mit ins Gebäude gebracht werden. Personen, die folgende Gegenstände mit sich führen, wird der Zugang zu diesem Gebäude verwehrt:

1. **ELEKTRISCHE ODER ELEKTRONISCHE GERÄTE (AUCH MIT BATTERIEN):** Handys, Computer, Notebooks, Abspielgeräte wie CD-Player, DVD-Player, MP3-Player, iPods, usw., Palm-Pilots, Kameras, Taschenrechner, Haartrockner und Rasierapparate, Gameboys.
2. **FEUERWAFFEN:** einschließlich Replika, nicht funktionsfähige Waffen, Schreck- und Starterpistolen, Gaspistolen und Betäubungswaffen (z.B. Elektroschockwaffen).
3. **SPRENGSTOFFE:** einschließlich pyrotechnisches Material, z.B. Leucht- und Feuerwerkskörper, Rauchbomben und Vorrichtungen zum Abfeuern/Zünden der vorgenannten Stoffe.
4. **HIEB- und STICHWAFFEN:** einschließlich aller Messerarten (auch Taschenmesser).
5. **CHEMIKALIEN:** einschließlich Behälter oder Sprühvorrichtungen für alle Arten von Tränengas (z.B. CS, Mace, Haar- und Deosprays).
6. Außerdem **SÄMTLICHE GEGENSTÄNDE**, die durch Machart oder Gebrauch als Waffe angesehen werden können (z.B. Schlagstöcke, Totschläger, Nun-Chako, Wurfsterne, Wurfmesser, Wurfpeile, Krähenfüße).



IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The order of business on the day of your scheduled immigrant visa appointment will be as follows:

After entering the consulate atrium, please take a seat until your number is called. At the intake window you will be asked to turn in your receipt and completed application forms. The employee will then direct you to the **CASHIER** to pay the visa fee of **\$400** or its equivalent in Euro (per person), if not previously paid to the National Visa Center. (Note: the following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club and Discover.) In case the visa fee of \$355 has already been submitted to the National Visa Center (NVC) in St. Louis, you will only be asked to pay the remaining \$45 surcharge. Once this transaction has occurred you will be asked to take a seat in the atrium until your number is called anew.

While waiting, if you do not already have the required **PHOTOGRAPHS**, you should obtain them from one of the automatic photo-machines in the atrium. The dimensions of the facial image must measure about one inch (2.5 – 3.5 cm) from chin to top of hair. A full-face photo including the hair, **showing both ears clearly** is required. The applicant should face the camera directly and not look down or to either side. No glasses, no earrings, no head coverings (see information sheet provided).

You are also reminded that an additional photocopy must be submitted for each original document that you wish to retain. Please make photocopies of these documents and bring the **originals and copies** on the appointment day. (There is also a photocopy machine available in the atrium, fee: €0.50 per copy).

When your number is called, you will be directed to a designated window for the **CHECKING OF DOCUMENTS**. Once this is completed you will be again asked to take a seat until the consular officer summons you for the formal visa **INTERVIEW**.

NOTE: The above process may take anywhere from three to six hours. Due to the overall volume of visitors seeking to enter the consulate, it is requested that you remain in the building once inside, rather than leaving and reentering a number of times. The whole visa issuance process takes four to five working days and the issued visa will be sent to you via the German postal system. Please be sure to leave your correct mailing address and sufficient postage (€4.25 **IN STAMPS ONLY**, cash cannot be accepted). Stamps may be obtained from the German stamp machine in the atrium.